AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 1, paragraph 02 as follows:

[01]The present application is related to the following co-pending, commonly assigned applications including: U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/272,798, entitled "APPLICATION PROGRAMMING INTERFACE FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN AUDIO/VIDEO FILE SYSTEM AND HARD DISK DRIVE SOFTWARE" by Duruoz et al., filed on March 1, 2001; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. (to be assigned) 10/005,206 entitled "PROCESS CONTROL MANAGER FOR AUDIO/VIDEO FILE SYSTEM" by Duruoz, filed concurrently herewith, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/272,804, entitled "PROCESS CONTROL MANAGER FOR AUDIO/VIDEO FILE SYSTEM" by Duruoz, filed on March 1, 2001; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. (to be assigned) 10/005,204 entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL BY AN AUDIO/VIDEO FILE SYSTEM USING HIERARCHICAL FILE ALLOCATION AND OTHER TABLES" by Duruoz, filed concurrently herewith, which claims the benefit of priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/272,864, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR OPTIMIZING DATA STORAGE AND RETRIEVAL BY AN AUDIO/VIDEO FILE SYSTEM USING HIERARCHICAL FILE ALLOCATION AND OTHER TABLES" by Duruoz, filed on March 1, 2001, all of which are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.